

Attorney's Docket No. : **242/9-2229**
U.S. Application No. : To be assigned
Filed : Herewith - 7 April 2006
Applicant(s) : Giuseppe PONTI
International Application No. : **PCT/IB2004/003251**
International Filing Date : **6 October 2004**
Priority Date Claimed : 9 October 2003
Title of Invention : **A METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PACKAGING ARTICLES WITH A FILM OF PLASTIC MATERIAL AND A PACKAGE THUS OBTAINED**

Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:

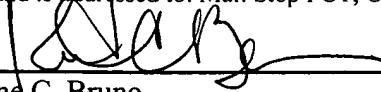
1. ☒ This is a **FIRST** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
2. ☐ This is a **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
3. ☐ This express request to begin national examination procedures [35 U.S.C. 371 (f)] at any time rather than delay examination until the expiration of the applicable time limit set forth in 35 U.S.C. 371(b) and PCT Articles 22 and 39(1).
4. ☒ The U.S. has been elected (Article 31).
5. ☒ A copy of the International Application as filed [35 U.S.C. 371(2)]
 - a) ☐ is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau)
 - b) ☒ has been transmitted by the international Bureau
 - c) ☐ is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US)
6. ☐ A translation of the International Application into English [35 U.S.C. 371(2)]
7. ☐ Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 [35 U.S.C. 371(3)]
 - a) ☐ are transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau)
 - b) ☐ have been transmitted by the International Bureau
 - c) ☐ have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has **NOT** expired.
 - d) ☒ have not been made and will not be made
8. ☐ A translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 [35 U.S.C. 371(3)]
9. ☒ An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) [35 U.S.C. 371(4)]
10. ☐ A translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 [35 U.S.C. 371(5)]

Items 11. to 17. below concern other document(s) or information included:

11. ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. 1.97 and 1.98 (1 doc.)
12. ☒ An Assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet (PTO-1595) in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 are included.
13. ☐ A **FIRST** preliminary amendment
14. ☒ An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76
15. ☒ **THE APPLICANT AND/OR ASSIGNEE, IF ANY, HEREBY CLAIMS SMALL ENTITY STATUS.**
16. ☐ A power of attorney and/or change of address letter
17. ☒ (other items or information) **A clean copy of the application in; PCT Pub. No WO 2005/035367 A1**

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I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service Express mail under 37 CFR 1.10 on the date indicated above and is addressed to: Mail Stop PCT, Commissioner For Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.


Kristine C. Bruno

Date: 7 April 2006

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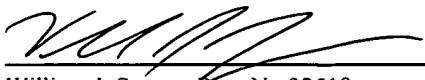
18. X The following fees are submitted:

BASIC NATIONAL FEE [37 CFR 1.492(a)(1)-(5)]:				CALCULATIONS	PTO USE ONLY
Basic National Fee.....				\$300.00	
Examination fee:					
___ International preliminary examination report prepared by USPTO and all claims satisfied provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4).....				\$100.00	
___ All other situations.....				\$200.00	
Search Fee:					
___ Search Fee paid to the USPTO.....				\$100.00	
___ International Search Report Prepared and provided to the Office.....				\$400.00	
___ All other situations.....				\$500.00	
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Total Claims	10 -20=	0 x	\$ 50. =		
Indep. Claims	2 -03=	0 x	\$ 200 =	\$	
___ Multiple Dependent Claim(s) (if applicable) + \$360.00					
TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS:				\$ 1000.00	
Additional fee for specification and drawings filed in paper over 100 pages-\$250 for each additional 50 sheets of papers or fraction thereof.				\$ 0	
Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date [37 CFR 1.492(e)]				\$ 0	
TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS:				\$ 1000.00	
Reduction by 1/2 for filing by small entity, if applicable. [Note 37 CFR 1.9, 1.27, 1.28]				(\$500.00)	
SUBTOTAL:				\$ 500.00	
Processing fee of \$130.00 for furnishing the English Translation later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date [37 CFR 1.492(f)]					
TOTAL NATIONAL FEE:				\$	
Fee for recording the enclosed assignment [37 CFR 1.21(h)] The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (PTO-1595) [37 CFR 3.28, 3.31] \$ 40.00 per property +				\$ 40.00	
TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED:				\$540.00	
Amount to be refunded/charged					\$

x A check in the amount of **\$540.00** to cover the above fees is enclosed.

___ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the deposit account any other fees required with this submission or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No: 04-0838. A duplicate of this form is enclosed.

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